Break Down of Telecom Services in Goa

1948. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of total break-down in Goa Telecommunications System upon onset of monsoon for last one and half month;

(b) what are the reasons for such break-down and by when all the disrupted lines will be restored; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to punish Government staff who are responsible for this massive breakdown?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Government is aware that a large number of cable faults developed after onset of monsoon. Except Panaji, in other parts of Goa, the telepehone system is working normally.

(b) Large number of cable faults were due to extensive damages caused to the underground cable system by digging of roads by other service agencies.

(c) (i) Extra staff and required material have been rushed to Goa to restore the faults immediately.

(ii) As a long term measure large scale ducting of cables is proposed.

(iii) The matter about digging by other utilities causing damages to our cables has been taken up at a high level in the state Government. This will ensure better co-ordination of digging activities.

Functioning of Telephone Advisory Committees of MTNL, Bombay and Delhi

1949. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of meetings of the Telephone Advisory Committees of MTNL, Bombay and MTNL, Delhi, separately, held since their inception;

(b) whether it is a f act that in each of these meetings the members of TACs had put forth various suggestions, if so, the details of such suggestions indicating the action taken thereon;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no meeting of the TAC of MTNL, Bombay has been held for the last one year defeating thereby the very purpose of constituting this committee, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to make this committee functional and more effective?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Sir, 7 meetings of the Telephone Advisory Committee of MTNL, Delhi and 11 meetings of Telephones Advisory Committee of MTNL, Bombay bay have been held since the formation of MTNL i.e. 1-4-1986.

(b) Yes Sir, members of the TACs put forth various suggestions in these meetings. Details of such suggestions indicating action taken thereon are given at Statement-I for Delhi and Statement-II for Bombay and are placed on the table of the House. (See below)

(c) One meeting of TAC of M.T.N.L., Bombay was held during the last 3 years.

(d) Meetings of the TAC will be held as per Schedule. Suggestions put forth by the Members will be considered and all accepted suggestions implemented to make the committees functional and more effective.